

HOPEWELL

VIRGINIA

African American HERITAGE TOUR

STOP 1

SKIRMISH AT BAYLOR'S FARM
HOPEWELL VISITOR CENTER
4100 Oaklawn Boulevard

804-541-2461

On June 15, 1864, Union General Edward W. Hinks' division of African American soldiers was ordered to move from City Point and take Petersburg. Hinks' unit encountered unexpected Confederate resistance at Baylor's Farm and retreated. They regrouped and eventually broke through the Confederate lines. More than 300 soldiers out of 3,500 died in this minor battle which lasted less than two hours.

STOP 2

GRANT'S HQS, CITY POINT UNIT
PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
Cedar Lane & Pecan Avenue

804-458-9504

City Point, now part of Hopewell, was captured by African American soldiers under the command of General Edward W. Hinks on May 5, 1864. From June 1864-April 1865, General Ulysses S. Grant directed the 10-month Siege of Petersburg from the grounds of Appomattox Plantation. Constructed in 1763, this historic home was recently renovated by the National Park Service. Tour includes a 15-minute video as well as the parlor, library, Grant's Cabin and outbuildings.

STOP 3

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
505 Cedar Lane

804-458-8142

Slaves took shelter in the basement of St. John's Episcopal Church when the Union Army invaded City Point in May 1864. The Union Army used the grounds of Appomattox Plantation as their headquarters.

STOP 4

WESTON MANOR
21st Avenue & Weston Lane

804-458-4682

According to family tradition, Weston Manor's intricate woodwork was carved by Davy Friend. He was a skilled African American artisan from Petersburg. Tour all three floors of this elegant 18th-century plantation home which is notable for preserving much of its original interior.

STOP 5

CITY POINT NATIONAL CEMETERY
Memorial Avenue

804-541-2461

Numerous African American soldiers lost their lives during fighting in Petersburg and were laid to rest in this cemetery. Over 6,000 Union soldiers are buried there.

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